Village of Clifton Council Meeting

October 14, 2024

The Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Steve McFarland. Roll call was as follows:

Paula Lazorski present Kim Lewis present
A. Satariano, Jr absent Robbie Tate absent
Jack Moore present Lee Nicewaner present

Also present were Donna and Jerry Huckleba.

The minutes from the September meeting were approved following a motion from Lazorski, second from Lewis, and all members present voted aye. The September Financial report was accepted unanimously following a motion by Lewis and second from Lazorski. Payment of the bills for September, including \$146 for the newsletter, was approved unanimously following a motion by Lazorski and second by Lewis.

In Old Business:

In Village Repairs:

The new **playground** is almost complete. Some additional landscaping is needed and possibly a fence along the state route. Lazorski will check into state regulations. Lazorski moved to appropriate \$400 to cover the cost of **moving the dirt** from the equipment installation. Lewis seconded the motion and all members present voted aye. Council will look into possibly vacating the alley next to the playground for safety. Two new **trash cans** were installed which will need maintenance.

The village solicitor will help draft letters to the **tenants in the school** to have them out of the way before **repairs** are set to start early next year.

A couple issues with **fallen trees** were discussed and will need more information to know how to handle. Council discussed the need to look into possible **storm drainage** needs. **Jerry Huckleba** asked Council whether he could connect the drainage from the down spouts on his property to the line from the Opera House. Council saw no problem with this.

In Other Old Business:

Mayor McFarland reported on the **Planning and Zoning Commission** meeting. Lazorski moved that Lee **Nicewaner be appointed** to replace Lewis on the Planning & Zoning Commission. Lewis seconded the motion and all members present voted aye. The Village Solicitor has approved the ordinances passed in September dealing with domestic animals and temporary dwellings. Council will send a **letter to Stephanie Smith** giving her a deadline to deal with the violations on her property. The Planning and Zoning Commission will meet next on November 4.

In New Business:

Lewis moved that \$300 be appropriated to **reimburse Linda Graham** for the expenses involved in helping **deal with the many cats loose in the village**. **Moore** seconded the motion and all members present voted aye.

The **Records Commission** will meet on October 21 to discuss **moving the village records** temporarily to a room at the Clifton Presbyterian Church during the school repairs.

Beggars' Night will be held on Thursday, October 31.

Lewis suggested Council again consider removable **speed bumps** on Tanyard Road.

In Special Project Business:

A financial report for the **Opera House** for the month of September was presented. More volunteers are needed at the upcoming performances.

Work is continuing at the **Garden Park.** The plants from the Bloom Blitz **Grant** have been delivered and will be planted soon.

The **contracts** for the 2025 Clifton Gorge Music & Arts **Festival** were approved unanimously (with an increase of the fee for vendors to \$60) following a motion from Lazorski and second from Lewis.

As there was no further business, Lazorski moved to close the meeting. Lewis seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.